

private sectors, he has been the driving force behind the exemplary renaissance of Harlem.

Simply put, Percy Sutton is a commendable American, who never stopped believing in the promise of our Nation, that all men are created equal and endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, even when legally sanctioned discrimination held him down. By dint of his talent, hard work, optimism and faith in the possibility of America, he became the perfect embodiment of the transformation of America from a separate and unequal place to a more perfect union.

Percy is an intellectual of the first order who worked at a New York post office to put himself through law school. Therefore, naming the post office in his honor, in his beloved Harlem—a community he has done so much for—is a perfect tribute to this prominent American.

The youngest of 15 children, Percy Sutton was born on November 24, 1920, in San Antonio, TX. His parents were both educators, and his father went on to become one of the first African American principals in the Nation. All of his siblings graduated from college, and his brothers include the first black elected official in San Antonio and a judge on the New York Supreme Court.

Percy Sutton attended Prairie View A&M University, Tuskegee Institute, and the Hampton Institute. His public service career began when Sutton served with the now legendary Tuskegee Airmen in World War II, winning combat stars as an intelligence officer. Despite being barred from flying fighter planes for the Army Air Corps because of his race, he remained committed to serving his country. After an honorable discharge from the Army, he enrolled in Brooklyn Law School. During this time, he worked for the U.S. Post Office in New York as a clerk during the evening shift and later as a conductor in the New York City subway system to put himself through school.

Motivated to fight racial discrimination, upon finishing law school Sutton became an important civil rights advocate. His commitment to fight for justice and equality lead him to become a well-known attorney, representing

Malcolm X and other activists during the civil rights era. Sutton also served as president of the New York chapter of the NAACP.

Percy has also been a pillar in Harlem and New York politics. A leader of the Harlem political scene, he worked with Mayor David Dinkins, Congressman CHARLES RANGEL, and former New York Secretary of State Basil Paterson to create a lasting force for effective community representation at the local, State and national levels. In 1964, Sutton was elected to the New York State Assembly, where he served for 2 years before becoming the president for the Borough of Manhattan for 10 years, when that office was at the center of gravity of New York City's policymaking apparatus.

His strong ties to Harlem can be further seen in the historic Apollo Theatre, which he purchased and completely revitalized in 1980. Sutton also produced "It's Showtime at the Apollo." Today, as Harlem thrives, the Apollo Theatre remains a cornerstone of the community. Sutton also started the Inner City Broadcasting Company, home of the first African American owned radio station in New York. Through it all, Percy was a trail blazer in the extraordinary transformation of Harlem. While victory has many fathers and mothers, no one person has done more, for more time, or more effectively to realize this vision, than Percy Sutton.

Percy Sutton's impact on his community and his country is immeasurable. Renaming the post office building in Harlem, the neighborhood for which he has done so much, the Percy Sutton Post Office is a perfect tribute to this special man.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 954) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2007

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9 a.m., Wednesday, September 12, 2007; that on Wednesday, following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired and the time for the two leaders reserved for their use later in the day; that the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 3074, the Transportation Appropriations Act as provided for under a previous order; and that the first vote in sequence be with respect to the DeMint amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, if there is no further business today, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:41 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 9 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate Tuesday, September 11, 2007:

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

RONALD SPOEHEL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. JOHN F. KELLY, 0000

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MICHAEL DAVID CREDO, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

ESTEBAN SOTO III, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.